by the well known groups like R.P. Goenka, United Breweries, Reliance Industries etc.;

(b) whether shareholding of Reliance while acquiring Larsen& Toubro was negligible and it was through the back door influence by financial institutions like LIC, UTI etc. which helped it to clinch the deal; and

(c) whether Government are aware that UK laws regarding acquisiton of a company provide details to be published as per "London Take over Bids" which is a part of London Stock Exchange; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to curb such manipulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No such unhealthy trend in the corporate sector for acquiring foreign owned Indian companies by Large Industrial Houses has come to the notice of this Ministry.

(b) Government have not received any proposal for take-over of M/s. Larsen & Toubro Ltd. by M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd., under section 23 (4) of the M. R. T. P. Act, 1969.

(c) and (d) The U.K. laws are not applicable in this country. The proposals for 'take-over' of companies in terms of section 23 (4) of M.R.T.P. Act, 1969, are considered by Government after taking into account the guiding factors mentioned in section 28 thereof. Further, before submitting an application under section 23 (4) of M. R. T. P. Act, 1969, the owner of an undertaking which propose to take-over the whole or part of any other undertaking is required under rule 4A of M. R. T. P. Rules, 1970 to publish a general notice, in the newspapers, to the members of public giving therein the brief particulars of the proposal.

Establishment of a Polyester Fibre Plant at Goinpeta in Orissa

2342. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a polyester fibre plant at Goinpeta in Phulbani district;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the project; and

(c) what steps are being contemplated to set up the project at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, a letter of intent has been issued to M/s. L. K. Polyfibre Limited for establishment of a new undertaking preferably in any centrally backward District of Orissa State for manufacture of Polyester Filament Yarn for a capacity of 15,000 tonnes/annum. The plant is now being set up in Phulbani District of Orissa at an estimated cost of Rs. 144 crores. Normally, it takes 3-4 years to set up such a plant after obtaining all approvals.

Gas Agencies in Orissa

2343. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of gas agencies sanctioned in Orissa so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have not taken into consideration some important places in Orissa for granting gas agencies; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The Oil Companies have sanctioned (issued Letters of Intent) for 62 LPG distributorships in Orissa upto 30th June, 1989.

(b) No Sir. LPG distributorships are being set up at—

(i) a major towns;

(ii) all District Headquarter towns which can support an independent LPG distributorship; and

(iii) towns with population of 20,000 and above which can support an independent LPG distributorship.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

राजस्थान में पन-बिजली परियोजनाएं

2344. श्री संतोष बागड़ोदिया : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राजस्थान में ऐसी कितनी छोटी पन-बिजली परियोजनाएं हैं जहां निर्माण कार्य प्रगति पर है और इनमें से प्रत्येक परियोजना कहां-कहां स्थित है ;

(ख) क्या इन परियोजनाओं को पूरा करने के लिए कोई समय-सारणी बनाई गई है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो प्रत्येक योजना के कब तक पूरा होने की संभावना है ; और

(घ) प्रत्येक परियोजना की बिजली उत्पादन क्षमता क्या होगी ?

ऊर्जा मंत्रालय के विद्युत विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय) : (क) से (घ) राजस्थान में निर्माणाधीन छोटी जल-विद्युत परियोजनाओं का विवरण निम्नलिखित है :—

परियोजना का नाम	स्थान (जिला)	क्षमता	चालू करने की तिथि
1. सूरतगढ़	गंगानगर	2×2.0 मे० वा०	मार्च, 1990
2. मंडवीर	कोटा	3×2.0 मे० वा०	मार्च, 1990 बशर्ते नहर बंद न हो।
3. आर०एम०सी० माही-1	बन्सारा	2×0.4 मे० वा०	1989-90 के वर्ष की अंतिम तिमाही।
4. आर०एम०सी० माही-2	बन्सारा	1×0.165 मे०वा०	सितम्बर, 1989
5. चारणवाला	बीकानेर	1×1.2 मे० वा०	1990-91
6. दुगल	बीकानेर	चरण-एक 1×1.5 मे० वा० चरण-दो 1×0.66 मे० वा०	आठवीं योजना